1-11. (CANCELED)

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The actuating device (18) according to claim [[11]] 20, wherein the recirculating ball spindle (44) is hollow.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The actuating device (18) according to claim [[11]] 20, wherein the accumulator comprises at least one coil spring (52).

14 - 15. (CANCELED)

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The actuating device (18) according to claim [[11]] 20, wherein an external diameter of the accumulator (52) is ~~essentially~~ substantially equal to an internal diameter of the recirculating ball spindle (44).

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The actuating device (18) according to claim [[11]] 20, wherein in a fluid-actuated clutch (6), located between the prime mover (4) and the first gearing (8), which comprises one master cylinder for the fluid on the actuating device (18), one slave cylinder for the fluid on the clutch (6) and one fluid pipe therebetween, the recirculating ball spindle (44) forms master cylinder.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The actuating device (18) according to claim [[11]] 20, wherein ~~within the recirculating ball spindle (44) are situated one or more~~ at least one part[[s]] (58, 60) of one displacement sensor (56) is situated within the recirculating ball spindle (44).

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of actuating a clutch of a motor vehicle by utilization of a hollow recirculating ball spindle (44), wherein the clutch (6) is located between a prime mover (4) and a gearing (8) of the motor vehicle (2), the method comprising the steps of:

converting a rotational motion of an electric motor (34) into linear motion of a recirculating hollow ball spindle (44) by a gearing (36, 40, 42, 44), and

actuating the clutch (6) with the linear motion of the recirculating ball spindle (44) assisted by additional power provided by an accumulator (52) positioned at least partially inside the hollow ball spindle (44)

~~for accommodating parts (52, 58, 60) of an actuating device (18) to be operated with the recirculating ball spindle (44) of a clutch (6) between one prime mover (4) and one gearing (8) of a motor vehicle (2) which is situated within the hollow recirculating ball spindle (44).~~

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An actuating device (18) for a clutch (6) of a motor vehicle (2) with the clutch (6) being ~~the actuating device (18)~~ situated in a housing located between a prime mover (4) and a vehicle transmission (8), and the actuating device comprising:

an electric motor (34) driving a gearing (36, 40, 42, 44) rotating a hollow recirculating ball spindle (44) for converting rotational motion of the motor (34) into linear motion of the recirculating ball spindle (44) for actuation of the clutch;

the recirculating ball spindle (44) being connected to the clutch and an accumulator (52) biasing the recirculating ball spindle (44) to provide additional power assistance besides the electric motor to actuate the clutch (6); and

wherein the accumulator is positioned at least partially inside the hollow recirculating ball spindle (44) between the housing and a first end of the recirculating ball spindle (44).

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The actuating device (18) according to claim 20, wherein the accumulator comprises at least one coil spring (52).

22. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The actuating device (18) according to claim 20, wherein an external diameter of the accumulator (52) is essentially equal to an internal diameter of the recirculating ball spindle (44).

23. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The actuating device (18) according to claim 20, wherein in a fluid-actuated clutch (6) between the prime mover (4) and the first gearing (8), which comprises one master cylinder for the fluid on the actuating device (18), one slave cylinder for the fluid on the clutch (6) and one fluid pipe therebetween, the recirculating ball spindle (44) forms master cylinder.

24. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The actuating device (18) according to claim 20, wherein within the recirculating ball spindle (44) are situated one or more parts (58, 60) of one displacement sensor (56).